



### Coming up at LRBOI:

LRBOI Annual Budget Meeting August 8th at 9 a.m. in the Community Center

Housing Commission Public Info Meeting June 27

Commerce Commission Meeting July 2 5pm-6pm

Elders Meal Aki Community Center Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class Every Friday 10:30am

2016 Membership Meetings April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016

2017 Membership Meetings April 8, 2017 & October 9, 2017

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## Ground Breaking at LRCCR



Ground-breaking for Renovation at Little River Casino Resort in Manistee

June 15th, Ron Pete, LRCCR General Manager and Connie Waitner, Assistant General Manager along with Board Chairwoman Elaine Porter welcomed the public to the official ground-breaking for the renovation to the resort. Ogema Romanelli and all of Tribal Council joined in to turn the first 'spade of dirt' for this exciting news. The renovation is expected to be finished in the Spring of 2016.

## Pat Ruiter honored for service



Tribal Council member and Elder Pat Ruiter was honored by the Council, the Ogema and the audience in chambers for her many years on council. At the event, she was presented with an Elders Blanket.

## New Government Organization

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is going to have their Executive Branch organization chart updated to reflect an approach to improving communication and functioning of the government. See more on page 2.





## New LRBOI Government Structure



*An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward.  
When life is dragging you back with difficulties,  
it means it's going to launch you into something great.  
So just focus, and keep aiming.*

At an all-employee meeting in the Three Fires Conference Center, newly re-elected Ogema Larry Romanelli revealed his new government structure plan.

Over the years, one of the challenges for all of the tribal Ogemak has been the complexity of running a governmental organization with almost 30 different departments or key areas. As a Native Sovereign Nation, Little River is involved in many aspects of both national and other government relations as well as being fully organized to bring many different services to the tribal members.

As the tribe has been organized, all of those departments and programs answer at some point to the Ogema and as the tribe has grown, this has become a very complex undertaking.

Having served two full terms, Ogema Romanelli was determined to address this difficult situation with a new approach. The organizational structure that was announced at the Friday meeting on May 29th groups the various services and departments into four different areas. Each area will have a 'Lead Facilitator' who will work with their group to help improve communication both from the group up to the Ogema and from the Ogema down to the groups. These 'Leads' were expected to be officially appointed by the early part of June.

Following the meeting, Romanelli said this in an email:

*All:*

*I want to thank everyone for attending the May 29th employee meeting and for sending in the requested informational responses. As usual we received some very good ideas and I am already working to see how we can incorporate them into our way of doing business.*

*As stated at the meeting there, we have an organizational chart approved by Tribal Council; the purpose of the changes is to ultimately give better service to our membership while easing the stress on our employees. It will hopefully work to provide better communication for our staff as well.*

*I want to thank everyone for their input on how best to create the four lead positions. We have worked out most of the bugs which will hopefully make the change as smooth as possible. I have asked others to help with the selection process and thank all who participated.*

*For everyone who submitted their name for consideration I really appreciate you stepping up to offer your assistance. We've made our selections and much consideration went into the selection of the four persons. I believe we had many people who could do the job; we gave consideration to having what we believe is a well-rounded group; how much time do the individuals have to devote to the additional duties; availability to meet on regular basis. Please know that people we didn't select does not mean they were less qualified; it means that all things considered, at this time we needed to put those people in place that we chose.*

## New Tribal Website

'The Tribal Government is working to create a new tribal website. As part of that process, we are looking for your input. Here is a link which will take you to a survey. Please follow it and give us your thoughts about our tribal website.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LittleRiverWebsite>.

We will be reviewing your responses over the next month and considering them as we design our new website. Miigwech, Public Affairs."

## Work Session Attendance

LRBOI Tribal Council - May 2015											
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Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruitter	Marty Wabindato	Total
05/04/15	Youth Council	x	V	x	x		x	x	x	x	7
05/04/15	Agenda Review	x	V	x	x		x	x	x	x	7
05/04/15	Government Financials	x	V	x	x		x			x	5
05/05/15	Constitutional Amendments	x	V	V	x	x	x	x		x	6
05/05/15	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	V	V	x	x	x	x		x	6
05/07/15	Wells Fargo	x	V	x	x	x	x				5
05/11/15	Agenda Review		V	x	x	x	x			V	4
05/12/15	Contracting Ordinance	x	x	V		x	x			x	5
05/12/15	2015 Goals	x	x	V		x	x	x		x	6
05/18/15	Strategic Planning	V		x	x	x	x			x	5
05/18/15	Agenda Review	V		x	x	x	x	x		x	6
05/19/15	Upgrading Tape Drives	V	x		x	x	x			x	5
	<b>Total number of Work Sessions - 12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	
	V - Vacation										



LRBOI Tribal Council - May 2015											
Work Session Attendance											
Date	Work Session Title	Jessica Burger	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Marty Wabindato	Total
05/21/15	Joint Manistee Meeting	F	x	x	x	x		x	V		5
05/21/15	Legislative Appointments	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
05/21/15	IHS Planning Presentation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
05/26/15	Contracting Ordinance	F	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	7
05/26/15	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	8
05/26/15	Self Governance	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	8
05/28/15	Housing	F	x		x	x	V	x	x	x	6
	<b>Total number of Work Sessions - 7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	
	* - Business Related										
	V - Vacation										
	B - Bereavement										
	F - Family ill										

## The First Council Tree

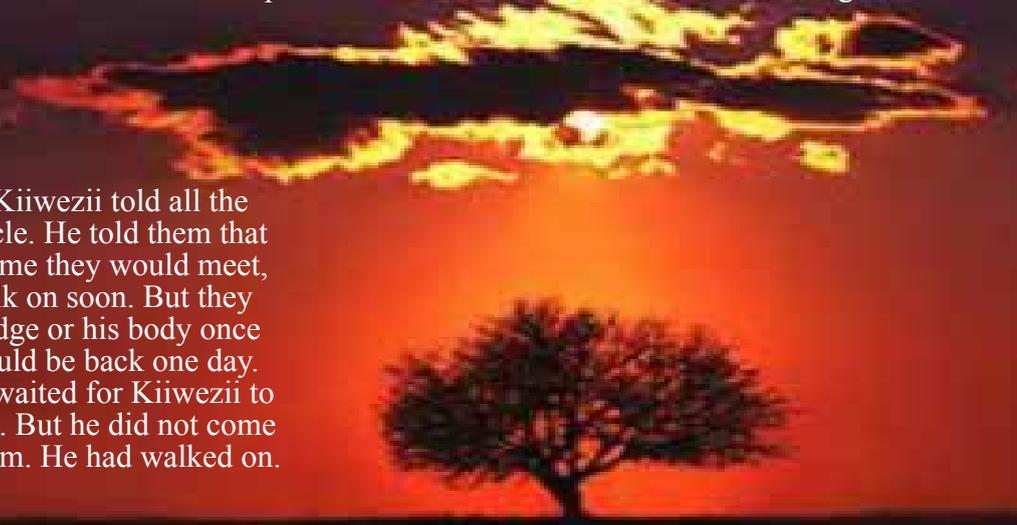
Many generations ago, there lived a man whom The People named Kiiwezii. Each day, Kiiwezii walked through the village, but spoke to no one. Villagers wondered about this old man who went into the bush each day without talking to anyone. "He is a grumpy old man", they thought. But, Kiiwezii was not a grumpy old man. He was just so saddened since his wife walked on, that he quit talking to people.

Kiiwezii moved deep into the bush where he could be alone with his thoughts and memories. There he became good friends with the animals, and he would have long talks with them. This was a time long ago when animals spoke freely with the two legged who knew to listen. For many seasons, Kiiwezii and the forest animals shared everything and became very close friends.

One day, Kiiwezii decided he would take a walk out of the forest and into the nearby village. As he walked, a group of young boys recognized him as the grumpy old man from the forest. Being young boys, they laughed at the old man and taunted the smallest of them to speak to Kiiwezii. Wanting to prove himself to the older boys, the small one walked up behind Kiiwezii. But being afraid, he could not bring himself to walk beside the old man. Step by step he inched closer to Kiiwezii's side. "Come walk with me", Kiiwezii said to the boy. His voice was gentle, his eyes were kind, and this eased the boy's fear of the old man. The little one hurried a step or two and finally walked in stride with Kiiwezii. Soon they were talking and laughing together as they walked. The older boys could not believe their eyes!

News spread through the village that Kiiwezii was not a grumpy old man. The people saw that he was truly a kind and caring man who had many things to share. They noticed that he especially enjoyed speaking with the Biinoogin and he told them of things that neither their mothers or fathers knew about. Even their Mishomis and Nikomis knew nothing about the stories Kiiwezii spoke of. Soon all the children of the village watched for Kiiwezii and begged him for more of his stories. Kiiwezii too looked forward to these meetings, and he delighted in telling them the stories and legends of days gone by. He knew from these good feelings that this must be what G'Chi Manidoo had planned for him. It was his purpose.

Tribal Council held a great respect for Kiiwezii and soon invited him to live in the village. He was given the most precious piece of land they had to offer. It was high on a knoll and overlooked the lodges of the village. On this property grew the sweetest berries and was abundant with medicine plants and wildlife. They built him a fine lodge and made him comfortable.



On one Winter's day, Kiiwezii told all the Biinoogin to sit in a circle. He told them that this would be the last time they would meet, as he was going to walk on soon. But they should not move his lodge or his body once this happens, as he would be back one day. The next day, everyone waited for Kiiwezii to come out from his lodge. But he did not come out. It was as he told them. He had walked on.

Seasons passed and his lodge rotted in the weather. Soon all of the plants on the knoll were gone too and the land became barren. The People were sad. They missed the old man and yearned for his tales. They waited for Kiiwezii to return as he had promised. Then, after the first snow of the very next winter, the sun started to warm Mother Earth once again. The plants sprung forth and were a luscious green, and The People notice a small twig that had sprung up through the grassy knoll. They watched in amazement as the twig rose up and spread forth mighty branches. It was Kiiwezii, and he had come back as the first Oak tree ever to live on Mother Earth. He was now tall and strong.

The people of the village, in memory of their storyteller, held their meetings and told his stories under this tree. Kiiwezii, now a mighty oak, gave The People the first Council Tree on Mother Earth. This story is very similar to "The First Storyteller" as told by Simon Otto.

## Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 25 packs per Tribal member, beginning June 1, 2014.

### **FOR RTM'S PURCHASING PERSONAL USE VEHICLES**

Resident Tribal Members must contact the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption **before** purchasing a vehicle tax-exempt. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. If you sign a contract that includes Michigan sales or use tax, it will be a taxable purchase. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information".

### **TAX LICENSE REQUIRED FOR SALES HELD ON TRIBAL LAND**

The Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance (#05-100-08) at 8.03 says that a tax license is required for any sales on Tribal and trust lands. Individuals or groups that use Tribal facilities, such as the Aki Maadiziwin community center, must obtain the appropriate Tribal Tax License before the event. This also applies to Tribal members selling merchandise at the Little River Casino Resort. The current penalty for failure to obtain a license is \$50 per unlicensed seller.

There are two types of tax licenses available. The traditional Tribal Tax License is issued annually and is for businesses operating on a permanent basis throughout the year. The Little River Trading Post is an example of a business that operates under a regular Tribal Tax License.

The Concessionaire's Tribal Tax License is issued to sellers that will be selling merchandise at a specific event for a limited time. The form for remitting Tribal tax is included on the tax license and the tax is due within 3 business days after the event. This eliminates the need to file regular quarterly Tribal tax returns. An example of someone that operates under a Concessionaire's Tribal Tax license is an artist or crafter that sells merchandise at the Little River Casino during membership meetings.

If you plan to sell merchandise on Tribal land, or if you are planning an event on Tribal property that involves selling merchandise, contact the Tax Office to obtain a Tribal Tax License.

### **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE LICENSED TO SELL MERCHANDISE**

Nonprofit entities engaged in a retail sales activity of any kind on Tribal and trust lands are required to have a Tribal tax license. The fact that the receipts or profits from such sales may be used for otherwise exempt purposes is not material. The Tribal Tax Ordinance follows Michigan law for retail sales tax. Please refer to MAC Rule 205.140 (5)

If a Tribal entity was selling something to your nonprofit organization, to be used for carrying out the organization's purpose, you may be able to make a valid claim for exemption. However, sales by a tax-exempt organization are not exempt simply because of the nonprofit status of the organization. For example, when food is provided by a nonprofit organization at an event where an admission fee is required or a donation is made, the food is subject to Tribal tax.

When you register for your Tribal Tax License, the Tax Officer will be able to advise you if any statutory exemption(s) may apply. Therefore it is important to fill out the registration form completely and legibly so you can be contacted if questions arise. The Concessionaire's Registration Form (for one-time events) can be found online at [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov). Call the Tax Office if you have questions about your fundraising event at 231-398-6874.

## Housing Commission Public Informational Meeting



**AKI Community Center**

**June 27th, 2013**

**9am to 12pm**



## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*To interpret Native life during the 1650s in a wigwam village*

*at*

*Michigan's Heritage Park in Whitehall*

*For more information please email*

*wendy@lakeshoremuseum.org or call 231-894-0342*



**Hilt's Landing**  
Michigan's Heritage Park

## Monarch Rearing project

It has been a while, but the Education Department is planning to re-introduce the Monarch Rearing project. Sometime in mid-August we will be getting Monarch butterfly caterpillars. We are hoping that we will have a lot of volunteer Monarch foster parents this summer to help us raise tiny baby caterpillars so that they can make a chrysalis and metamorphose into beautiful Monarch butterflies. Monarch butterflies are one of the most interesting creatures! These beautiful orange and black butterflies take part in one of the most mysterious and amazing migrations known in the animal world. Each year Monarch butterflies who emerge in the northern part of North America take part in migration flying all the way from here to Mexico, where they land by the thousands in specific trees in northern Mexico. They spend the winter in those trees, and in the early spring they begin flying back north. Along the way they stop and lay eggs. They don't survive to travel further, but their eggs hatch, caterpillars grow, become butterflies, and then those butterflies continue flying north. When those Monarchs return, they lay eggs and then they too die. There are a couple more generations of butterflies during the summer. The last generation, those which emerge in late August, are the generation who undertake this long migration once again. They leave here and fly all the way to Mexico, following the same route their great grandparents did the year before. Nobody completely understands how they know how to get back, often to the same trees!

To help scientists understand this migration, they track Monarch butterflies as they migrate, and organizations like Monarch Watch from the University of Kansas help. And Monarch Watch gets help too by recruiting citizen scientists to help. That would be you if you are interested in helping! Here's what you do. You adopt a baby caterpillar and raise him or her by taking good care of it and feeding it milkweed, the only plant it eats. You take care of your caterpillar until he or she makes a chrysalis, which, if you are really lucky, you get to see happen. Then a few weeks later a butterfly emerges. This is when your scientific help comes into play. You need to determine if your butterfly is a male or a female, weigh it, measure it, and place a tiny mylar tag on its wing. We record the tag number and all information about your butterfly, and then you release it to begin its migration to Mexico. Along the way, if people spot your Monarch and get the number from the tag on its wing, they report it to the University of Kansas, which notifies us. Sometimes we can actually find out where your butterfly went and how long it took! With thousands of tagged Monarchs, scientists are able to do a fairly good job of tracking and mapping this migration! This is not just a neat project and a fun way to spend time with a cute caterpillar and watch it become a pretty butterfly. Monarch butterfly populations are decreasing dramatically. Because of loss of habitat for the caterpillar's only food source, milkweed, they have fewer places to lay eggs. Our little part in this big story is to help raise the caterpillars and try to help track their migration, and also to do our best to make sure that there is always milkweed for them to eat. We hope you will help in this project.

If you are interested call Yvonne, Deb or Santana in the Education Department and we can add your name and phone number to the list of caterpillar foster parents. We will have caterpillars here in Manistee, and also in Muskegon- but numbers will be limited. So we need you to give us a call to let us know you would like to raise a caterpillar!

## **LRBOI Education Department Invites You to Participate in The Great American Camp Out**



**WHEN:** Saturday, June 27th, noon to Sunday, June 28th, noon.

**WHERE:** LRBOI GATHERING GROUNDS

**WHO:** KIDS 7 TO 12 YEARS OLD (limit 10 girls, 10 boys)

**WHAT TO BRING:** A sleeping bag/blankets and pillow, and overnight stuff. We have two large tents, one for boys, one for girls, or you can bring a pup tent if you'd like.

**PLEASE RSVP BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH TO:**

**DEBRA DAVIS, 231-398-6724 or SANTANA AKER, 231-398-6654**

**ddavis@lrboi-nsn.gov**

**saker@lrboi-nsn.gov**

If we have more people who want to participate than for whom we have space, tribal members will have preference, participants will be selected by drawing from those who RSVP by June 19th.

## 22nd Annual Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp Saturday, July 25th Agenda

Time	Presenter	Presentation Title	Tent#
Sunrise		Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)	Fire Lodge
8:00		Breakfast (Volunteers Welcomed)	1
9:00		Gdinimikaagoom (Opening)	1
9:15	Shirley Brauker	Making Awl/Scissors Cases	1
	Marty Reinhardt	Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse	2
	Doris Boissoneau	Stone/Rock Teachings	3
	<i>Zhaawan &amp; Nimkiins Sprague</i>	<i>Minomin (Wild Rice)</i>	4*
10:45	Shirley Brauker	Making Awl/Scissors Cases	1
	Leon Valliere	Woven Yarn Bags & Sashes (Yarn & Tools Needed)	2
	Ngwaagan Eshkibok & Co.	Anishinaabemowin Curriculum	3
	<i>Kalisha Burtrum</i>	<i>Hand &amp; Stick Games of Oklahoma</i>	4*
12:00		Lunch (Served by Tribal Council & Ogema)	1
1:15	Jennie Blackbird	Residential School Experience	1
	Marty Reinhardt	Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse	2
	Ngwaagan Eshkibok & Co.	Anishinaabemowin Curriculum	3
	<i>Rabbit Stalzer &amp; Zhaanii Wolfe</i>	<i>The Heartbeat of Our People</i>	4*
2:45	Lucy Hunter	Documentary—Rabbit Proof Fence	1
	Doris Boissoneau	Seven Grandfather Teachings	2
	Leon Valliere	Woven Yarn Bags & Sashes (Yarn & Tools Needed)	3
	<i>Kalisha Burtrum</i>	<i>Indian Dice</i>	4*
4:00	<i>Jeremiah Pheasant</i>	<i>Anishinaabe Baseball *</i>	Baseball "Field"
5:00		Dinner (Volunteers Welcomed)	1
7:00		Jiingtamok—Host Drum: Niizh Miishiikenh Emcee: Doris Boissoneau Arena Directors: Jeremiah Pheasant & Steve Knauf	

## 22nd Annual Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp Sunday, July 26th Agenda

Time	Presenter	Presentation Title	Tent#
Sunrise		Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)	Fire Lodge
8:00		Breakfast (Volunteers Welcomed)	1
9:15	Shirley Brauker	Making Awl/Scissors Cases	1
	Marty Reinhardt	Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse	2
	Doris Boissoneau	Stone/Rock Teachings	3
	<i>Janine Sam &amp; Zhanii Wolfe</i>	<i>Teachings</i>	4*
10:30	<i>Jeremiah Pheasant</i>	<i>Anishinaabe Baseball *</i>	<i>Baseball "Field"</i>
10:45	Ngwaagan Eshkibok & Co.	Anishinaabemowin Curriculum	1
	Jennie Blackbird	Residential School Experience	2
	Leon Valliere	Woven Yarn Bags & Sashes (Yarn & Tools Needed)	3
	<i>Kalisha Burtrum</i>	<i>Beginning Conversations</i>	4*
12:00		Lunch (Volunteers Welcomed)	1
1:00		Giveaway—Honor / Traveling Song: Niizh Miishiikenh	

### Workshop Notes:

All of the workshops can be attended by anyone, but *workshops specifically targeted for children are indicated with italic font*. Adults and teenagers are welcomed to observe these workshops too. There are non-italicized workshops in which children are welcomed to attend that are appropriate for all age groups as well. Workshops with an asterisk ( \* ) are specifically targeted more for teenagers and / or young adults, but everyone is welcomed to observe and/or participate.

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### Robert "Bob" Duane Knapp -Ba

June 25th, 1954 - May 27th, 2015

Robert Duane Knapp, age 60 of Manistee, passed away on Wednesday May 27, 2015 at home.

He was born on June 25, 1954 in East Grand Rapids, son of the Duane and Judith (Moore) Knapp. Robert graduated from Comstock Park High School in 1972. He recently started and finished his first year of college at Liberty University Online, studying business management.

Robert married Alicia Mae Medacco on February 2, 1996. During the last years of his life, Robert was unable to work due to his disability. But he formerly worked at Little River Casino upon moving to Manistee and then for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Maintenance and Construction Company, where he met and became fast friends with his supervisor, Stacy Gibson and remained treasured friends until Bob's death.

He was at one time an avid bowler and at one point in time considered turning pro. He has an almost perfect game of "299" to his accomplishments and has the ring to prove it. He loved being a coach for football, baseball and basketball and moved up he ranks with his son Jared as he progressed from the midget and pee wee leagues all the way up till the years of high school. He truly loved helping out all athletes and to this day many still have fond memories of the times with Coach Bob and still respect him. He enjoyed and took pride in watching all his children participating in sports and other activities.

Bob also volunteered time to sports camps and to Special Olympics. Special Olympics, especially area 24 was very special to him because of his involvement of his step-daughter as an Olympian. Many of the athletes came to love and respect Bob because he showed them the same in return and he truly valued getting to know each one of them.

Bob always liked to joke around, even when the joke was on him, which often was the case. He loved to laugh, even though much of the time it was laughing about himself.

Bob is survived by his wife, Alicia Mae Knapp of Manistee; son, Jared (Alyssa) Knapp of Manistee; stepsons, Robert (Melissa) Medacco of Manistee, Adam (Maria) Umlauf of Wyoming, Matthew (Lindsay) Umlauf of Manistee and Cameron Medacco of Manistee; step-daughters, Andrea Umlauf and Melissa (Jeremy) Wolters of Stevensville; grandchildren, Briar Mae Knapp, Robert and Adrian Medacco, Joseph, Dominic, Aubri-Ann and Braeden Umlauf, Norah Rose Umlauf and Addie Medacco; mother and step-father, Judith and Einar Christensen of Lowell; Siblings, John (Deb) Knapp of Rockford, Connie Hernandez of Sarasota, FL, Anita Rosa of

Sarasota, FL, Rick (Deb) Wandron of Lake City and Terra (Paul) Burke of Lowell; aunt, Ruth Penning of Grand Rapids; and many special cousins, nieces, nephews and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Duane Knapp; mother-in-law, Ann Medacco; sister-in-law, Donna Vanderkooi; and brother-in-law, Jerry Nelson.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held at 11:00AM on Thursday June 4, 2015 at Oak Grove Funeral Home in Manistee.

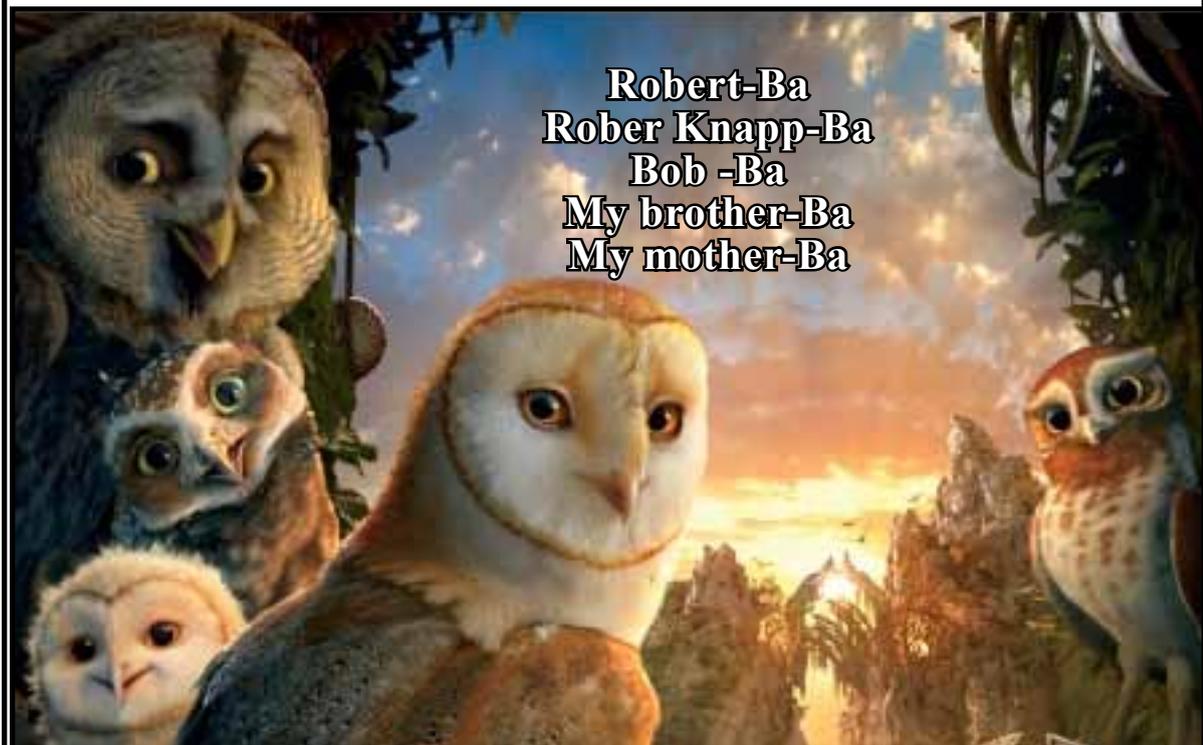
A celebration of life gathering was held on Thursday June 4, 2015 from 2:00 till 4:00PM at the Aki Community Center, 2953 Shaw Be Quon Road in Manistee.

## How we use the language!

Historic Preservation and Team Currents are looking to involve more of the language in what we are doing. As an example, Tribal Language Instructor Kenny Pheasant

explained the proper use of the 'Ba' at the end of names..

The 'Ba' is used at the end of the name, even the nickname! Here are some examples that Kenny shared:



**As he explained it, we are honoring the spirit of the departed one. It's part of our contribution to education and it is critical that, as a tribe, we encourage use of the language.**

## What's going to happen with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Legacy Medigap Plans?

Counselors from the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program continue to get questions from Medicare beneficiaries concerning the Blue Cross Blue Shield Legacy Medigap plans. BCBSM has been offering the Legacy "A" plan and the more popular "C" plan to Michigan residents for a number of years. The Legacy "C" plan pays for the deductibles and co-pay expenses not covered by Medicare Part A and Part B. The Legacy "C" plan has been attractive to beneficiaries because of the excellent benefits and the lower premium costs as a result of a subsidy that will be ending August of 2016.

In early 2013, the Michigan Legislature passed two bills that would reorganize BCBSM into a mutual insurance company. One of the bills contained language requiring BCBSM to continue with their subsidy of the Legacy Medigap plans through July of 2016. When the bills were being heard in the House Insurance Committee it was reported that there were over 200,000 Michigan Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in these Legacy products. Since then, several thousand more individuals have signed up for one of these popular plans.

So, what's in store for Legacy policy holders when August 2016 arrives? At this point there are more questions than answers. While we wait on BCBSM to announce the details of what they have planned, we do know one thing. The subsidy will be ending, so Legacy subscribers will pay more in premium costs to keep the same level of coverage. This is true whether a Medigap plan of their choice is with BCBSM or some other insurance company. The costs will vary depending on underwriting and pricing variables used by companies that offer these plans. It has been estimated that beneficiaries can expect an increase in the amount of \$50 to \$100, or more, in monthly premiums for a typical "C" Medigap plan, once the subsidy ends.

Medicare has a rule that provides a guaranteed issue right that can pertain to subscribers of

Medigap plans. The right guarantees, in specific situations, that insurance companies must sell certain Medigap plans to you; they must cover your pre-existing conditions; and they can't charge you more based on past or present health problems.

BCBSM Legacy plan subscribers can be eligible for this important right based on a specific provision in Medicare rules. The provision reads, "if your Medigap policy coverage ends through no fault of your own", you are eligible for the right. It would appear that BCBSM would need to terminate their Legacy products in August of 2016 for subscribers to be eligible for this special provision. For those folks who want to continue with a Medigap plan, this right is extremely important. They would be able to purchase a Medigap policy from another company although the premium could be significantly higher.

Those who can't afford to pay the higher prices for a Medigap plan can consider a Medicare Advantage Plan or simply have only Medicare Part A and B and then be responsible for the associated deductibles and co-pays out of their pocket.

There are still a lot of questions as far as how Legacy policy holders will be impacted in August of 2016. Many of them will be answered once BCBSM announces their plans regarding the Legacy products.

Beneficiaries can obtain local help regarding this topic or any other item associated with Medicare and Medicaid insurance programs by contacting a trained and certified counselor with the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). Simply call our toll free number at 800-803-7174 and leave a message. By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

Area Agency on Aging, Traverse City, Michigan

## Drug Take Back Program



The Tribal Public Safety Department wanted to remind you that they take back the prescription drugs program year 'round out at the Tribal Police Department offices on M22. Tribal police have a secured location for these drugs and regularly arranges for their disposal.

Bring these drugs into the department. Leaving them in the medicine cabinet or somewhere in the home poses a danger to youngsters and other family members. Properly disposing of these drugs protects our young, our families and our environment.

**The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians annual budget meeting with the membership has been announced.**

**The meeting will take place on Saturday August 8th from 9am – noon at the Aki Community Center.**

NORTH CENTRAL  
LACROSSE JAMBOREE

Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28, 2015  
Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9, 2015

Bemidji Middle School Fields, 1910 Middle School Road, Bemidji, Minnesota

No Registration Fee and First Pre Registered First In The Event With Limited Spots Available

Pre Registration Procedure (waiver will be sent to each Team Contact): Call, Text or Email your Team Name, Age Division, Event Date or Dates, Contact Name and Cell Number before noon one week before each event date to 218.368.6430 or coach.danninham@gmail.com

Age Divisions: U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U19  
Boys and Girls May Be On The Same Team

Limit of 5 Teams Per Age Division and Pre Register Today



Saturday Schedule:

2:30 pm, Check In

3 to 7:30 pm, 5 vs. 5 Game Play

7:45 to 8:30 pm, Wooden Stick Game Play

Sunday Schedule:

8:30 am, Check In

9 am to 1:30 pm, 5 vs. 5 Game Play

1:45 to 2:30 pm, Wooden Stick Game Play



Ojibwe Rules For All Games:

<http://www.mnojibwelax.com/baaga-adowewag.html>

Skills Clinicians During Non Playing Time

June 27 and 28: Kevin Reed, former Head Coach at St. Louis Park HS and also coached the Hopkins Royals and University of Minnesota; played attack for University of St. Thomas and Midfield for the University of Minnesota; state champion player at Hopkins HS, former Director of Community Development for Homegrown Lacrosse, and President of Minnesota Boys Scholastic Lacrosse Association.

August 8 and 9: Brendan Shook, Director of Elk Soldier Lacrosse and member of The Lightning Stick Society, Captain of Johns Hopkins University in 2000, 2000 NCAA DI All American Defender, and former pro player for the Rochester Rattlers in the MLL, and Dan Shook, Staff Coach of Elk Soldier Lacrosse and The Lightning Stick Society; Head Boys Coach of Hilliard Heritage Middle School (OH), Bexley HS (OH), and Watterson HS (OH), and current Exercise Physiologist of Ohio Health

No Awards, Coaches Are On The Field Officiating, 20 Minute Running Time Games, Each Team Will Play Four Contests Per Day With a 30 Minute Break Between Contests, Guest Clinicians or Meal Time On Own During Breaks, Pre Register As A 7 Person Team, Teams Will Be Combined For A Mass Wooden Stick Game, Athletic Trainer On Site, Free Admission and Bring a Lawn Chair  
All Participants Need To Be In Full Gear

Event Insurance: National High School Coaches Association

Bemidji Area Hotels: <http://business.bemidji.org/list/ql/lodging-travel-15>

Traditional Ojibwe Wooden Lacrosse Stick For Sale On Site by Red Lake Member Pete Neadeau for \$80: required to contact Dan Ninham if you are going to buy a stick at least one week from each event date and he will bring it to the event

## Commission Openings!

Even though most committee positions have been filled, the tribe continues to seek applications from qualified members interested in serving upon the Commerce, Gaming, Housing, Binojeeuk, Enrollment, Health and Natural Resources Commissions.

Ogema Romanelli is building a pool of tribal members who are interested in sitting on a Commission. Members are invited to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact our office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered. Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

**Tribal Members from Outside the 9 county area are also invited to apply.**

## Government Closes for the following Holidays

- \* New Years Day
- \* Treaty Recognition Day
- \* Memorial Day
- \* Independence Day
- \* Labor Day
- \* Reaffirmation Day (Sept. 21st)
- \* Veteran's Day
- \* Thanksgiving Day
- \* Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- \* Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- \* Christmas Day

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288. Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first.

## LRBOI Program Services Guide

Public Affairs is getting ready to do an update to the Program Services Guide. One of the questions is do you use the printed copy or just access the one on the website? Please send a note to [currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov) and let us know which you use. If we can avoid having to print them, it saves the tribe money! Miigwech,  
Glenn Zaring

## Casino Employment

Check out the new Employment Opportunities tab on the tribal website at <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/resources/employment>

Our new preference ordinance is there along with links to website and job opportunities. All in one place for your convenience! Check out the exciting opportunities that await you at the Little River Casino Resort There are many ways to apply. Log onto our Website at [www.LRCR.com](http://www.LRCR.com) and click on Careers Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530 Stop by our Human Resources Department located at 2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI

**Monday – Friday 7am-5pm**

Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:

Little River Casino Resort  
Attn: Recruiting P.O. Box 417  
Manistee, MI 49660

Phone: (231) 723-4530 · Fax: (231) 723-1589

Email: [recruiting@lrcr.com](mailto:recruiting@lrcr.com)

Available job openings can also be found at all LRBOI Tribal Government buildings, in LRBOI Tribal Newsletters and at Michigan Works!

*Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the LRBOI- Indian Preference in Employment (Ordinance #11-600-02)*

## LRBOI Warriors Society

The Committee consist of the following:



**Commander- John Shano**

**Vice Commander- Vacant**

**Secretary - Virgil Johnson**

**Treasure - Vacant**

**Sargent of Arms -Chuck Nelson**

**Chaplin- Raymond Zeeryp**

The Warrior Society is ever looking For Tribal Member Warriors to honor and support  
If you or someone you know would like to attend any meetings, events, or join, please contact

[allWarriorSociety@lrboi.com](mailto:allWarriorSociety@lrboi.com)

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Workforce Development Programs are operated through the tribe's Commerce Department. The Workforce Development Programs links job placement and skill development into a system of lifelong learning and opportunity. Through resources and services created for employers, employees, the unemployed and the underemployed, Tribal Citizens utilizing Workforce Development Program services can take control of their economic future and the security of their families. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Workforce Development Programs contributes to the economic security of LRBOI, its' businesses and communities through a comprehensive program of skill-building and educational components. These components include: 1) Internship Program for the college student designed to provide the Tribal Citizen or Descendant with the opportunity to gain supervised experience in a work

setting for which academic credit is earned; 2) Internship Hosting to assist LRBOI Tribal Citizens who are in the Internship component by providing them with a low or no-cost lodging opportunity so they may fulfill their Internship requirements in a safe and friendly environment; 3) Development & Training providing various training and services as needed for LRBOI Tribal Citizens; 4) Career Assistance Voucher for newly hired employees to be used for supplies, tools, clothes, transportation, or anything that reasonably assists the individual in advancing their career; 5) GED/Adult Education Voucher to help cover costs associated with the completion of a high school diploma or GED; 6) Adult (18+ years) and Youth (16-17) Work Experience Employment Programs are designed to provide the Tribal Citizen not in higher education supervised experience in an entry level work setting without having to

achieve an academic requirement. Mandatory Job Readiness Training is required to complete the program; 7) Need based Vocational Assistance Award available to the Tribal Citizen attending a post-secondary state or accredited vocational/technical program who has applied for all other available financial aid and shows unmet need; 8) Summer College Book Stipend for Tribal Citizens attending a non-profit accredited college or university may receive assistance in purchasing college textbooks and supplies for Summer Semester only. For additional details about each component and how to qualify, please follow this link: <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/membership-services/commerce> or contact the Workforce Development Program at LRBOI.

## No funding for for-profit colleges

To those tribal members who are looking into colleges and universities with online programs, this is just a reminder that the tribe does not offer any assistance for proprietary schools- colleges and universities which are for-profit. If you are looking at an online program and it is not from a public college or university, make sure that it is a non-profit school.

In order to receive funding through the tribe, a school must be accredited and non-profit. If you want to use the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (which is a state program, not a tribal one) the school you select must be a Michigan public school and you must be a Michigan resident.

Most for-profit schools are accredited schools, but are most often nationally accredited but not regionally accredited. The regional accreditation is often considered more rigorous in terms of academic requirement. Most other colleges and universities will accept credits transferred from colleges which are nationally and regionally accredited. For the most part, credits earned at for-profit schools are not transferrable to other colleges.

- Not regionally accredited- if accredited, only by national accrediting agencies and not the regional agencies, so credits don't transfer

- Extremely expensive- rates for getting an associate's degree are often higher than upper tier universities offering bachelor's and graduate degrees
- High rates of student loan debt
- Extremely low completion rate- average completion rate of a bachelor's degree (a four year degree for which average completion time is 6 years) 57% for public colleges, 66% for private non-profit colleges, and 32% for for-profit colleges. Some for-profit schools have as low as 14% completion rate. More than half of college students who pursue a bachelor's degree at a public or a private non-profit school finish in a 6 year period, while fewer than 1/3 of the students who begin pursuing a bachelor's degree at a for profit college finish in 6 years.
- Rely on federal financial aid to increase the profits of their shareholders. Student loans are guaranteed by the government. If the student doesn't finish the degree, the school still keeps the money. The student, graduated or not, is left to pay off the debt. If the student doesn't pay, he or she is in default and can't get more federal aid, receives a poor credit rating, and can have wages and taxes garnished. There are no consequences

for the school because they have already received the funding.

It is these kinds of issues that prompted Little River Band to stop funding for profit schools. We noticed students were accruing high rates of student loan debt, not being able to continue in programs because of the expense, not being able to transfer hard-earned credits. It was not something that we wanted to do, because at the time we did it, it was much more difficult to find online courses offered by non-profit colleges and universities. But that has changed. There are many options for online distance learning provided by public and private non-profit colleges. If you are a Michigan resident, there are many programs offered by public colleges where you can use the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. So when you are looking, focus on public schools as a best option in terms of cost, and private non-profits if they have a program you can't find in a public college. But remember, there is no funding for for-profit schools. Wikipedia has a fairly good list of for-profit schools, which may help you in making your decision, but it is not an inclusive listing, so if you don't find the school you are looking into on the list, that does not confirm that it is not a for-profit school, so before you choose, make sure.

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616-575-1800 Office

## LRBOI Tribal Government Jobs

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found online, and on bulletin boards at government buildings. Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

[www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Tribal Government Buildings

Global E-Mail

Michigan Works Offices or Website

By Calling the H.R. Department

### What about Temporary work?

Send in or drop off your "temporary" or pace "temp pool" on the position of interest line.

Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain

experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

L.R.B.O.I. Human Resources

2608 Government Center Road

Manistee, Michigan 49660

## Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired at a new employer and within 30 days of your hire date, you may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov .

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Vendors Indian Preference

The Tribe's Purchasing Office maintains a vendor resource database that enables the Tribe to identify vendors who can supply products and services for the Tribe's needs. The database is organized by service and product categories, so it is important that vendors describe their products and services.

Company	Name	Buisness Type	Website
<u>Native American Outfitters, Inc.</u>	<u>Sandra Templeton</u>	<u>Custom</u>	
<u>Moon Bear Pottery &amp; Indian Arts</u>	<u>Shirley Brauker</u>	<u>Craft</u>	<u><a href="http://moonbearpottery.com/">http://moonbearpottery.com/</a></u>
<u>Seven Generations Archetecture and Engerneering</u>	<u>Troland Clay</u>	<u>Architect</u>	<u><a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/seven-generations-architecture-and-engineering-llc">https://www.linkedin.com/company/seven-generations-architecture-and-engineering-llc</a></u>
<u>Stony Point Studios-Architecture</u>	<u>Steven Feringa</u>	<u>Architect</u>	<u><a href="http://www.houzz.com/professionals/architect/c/Stony-Point--NC">http://www.houzz.com/professionals/architect/c/Stony-Point--NC</a></u>
<u>Todds One Call Does It All</u>	<u>Todd Thomas</u>	<u>Construction</u>	
<u>GK Insurance Consulting</u>	<u>George Karl</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	
<u>Blue Stone Strategy Group</u>	<u>Jamie Fullmer</u>	<u>Advisory</u>	
<u>Casual Tees Inc.</u>	<u>David Johnson</u>	<u>T-Shirts</u>	

The Tribe gives preference to Native American owned and operated businesses. Indian preference will be given only to bidders who provide proof of preference status to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Purchasing Office. For complete information on how you can receive certification for your business and have your business listed in the Tribe's vendor database, please contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Purchasing Office.

## College Graduates

**Congratulations to this year's college graduates! We are very proud of you! If we have missed someone, please let us know!!!!**

Elizabeth Acre, Associates Degree, Lansing Community College

Sara Agosa, Master's Degree in Education, Wayne State University

Adrienne Ailing, Certificate in Medical Billing and Coding, Lansing Community College

Brittany Bailey, Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, Binghamton University

Joseph Carey, Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Psychology, Grand Valley State University

Jason Cross, Master's Degree in Social Work, Michigan State University

Sandra DeVerney, Master's Degree in Social Work, Michigan State University

Christina Castillo, Associate's Degree in Science and Math, City College of San Francisco

Joyce Collins, Certificate in Baking and Pastry, Grand Rapids Community College

Courtney Compeau, Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Ferris State University  
Victoria Cortinas-Cortez, Associate's Degree in Social Work, Muskegon Community College

Bernadene Crampton, Associate's Degree in General Studies, Muskegon Community College



Emogene Crampton, Associate's Degree in General Studies, Muskegon Community College

James Dixon, Jr, Bachelor's Degree in History, University of Michigan Flint

Stephen Donnelly, Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies, George Mason University

Richard Dysard II, Bachelor's Degree in Pre-Pharmacy, Ferris State University

Amy Foerster, Juris Doctorate in Law, Michigan State University College of Law

Jack Gardner, Associate's Degree in Business, Grand Rapids Community College

Kyra Gladden, Associate's Degree in Music and Music Education, Mitchell Community College

Karen Grigonis, Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology, Ferris State University

Kelsey Holwerda-Chambers, Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Grand Valley State University

Regan Lones Benton, Associate's Degree in Accounting, Savannah Technical College

Danielle McIntyre, Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Eastern Michigan University

Alicia Mejia Ortiz, Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education, Muskegon Community College

Christian Merz, Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, Ferris State University

Holly Newton, Associate's Degree in Nursing, Kirtland Community College

Kaylin Petzak, Doctorate Degree in Pharmacy, Ferris State University College of Pharmacy

Ashley Roney, Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts, Mid Michigan Community College

Alycia Shepard, Associate's Degree in Business, West Shore Community College

Justine Sourie, Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality and Business, Michigan State University

Sandra DeVerney, Master's Degree in Social Work, Michigan State University



Sandra and her son Carlos



Sandy and her husband Fernie

**Congratulations to this year's high school graduates! We are very proud of you! If we have missed someone, please let us know!!!!**

## High School:

Trent Barnier, Suring, WI. New Path School, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin

Joselyn Cabarrubia, Manistee, MI. Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, South Dakota

Bronsen Clyne, Holland, MI. Holland Public Schools, Holland MI

Paul Greiner, Hart, MI, Hart Public Schools, Hart MI

Eryn Hyma, Twin Lake, MI. Reeths Puffer High School, Muskegon MI

Devin Nickerson, Conklin, MI. Coopersville High School, Coopersville MI

Zoe Paul-Shepard, Norton Shores, MI. Ludington High School, Ludington MI

Brennan Ramberg, Covington, WA. Kentwood High School, Covington WA

Carolina Rivera, Muskegon, MI. Muskegon Covenant Academy, Muskegon MI

Nicholas Sanchez, Racine, WI, Racine Unified Schools, Racine, WI

Silken Taylor, St Helens, OR. Saint Helens High School, St Helens, OR

Camry Wabindato, Muskegon, MI. Reeths Puffer High School, Muskegon MI

Sean Walters, Shelby Twp, MI. Utica High School, Utica, MI

Jesse Ybarra Jr, Duluth, MN. Duluth ALC High School, Duluth, MN

Mark Cole Jr, Manistee, MI. Manistee High School, Manistee MI

Adrian Crampton, Central Lake, MI, Home Schooled

Alia Crampton, Elk Rapids, MI. Elk Rapids High School, Elk Rapids, MI

Feyd Crampton, Elk Rapids, MI. Elk Rapids High School, Elk Rapids, MI

Sommer Lawrence, Muskegon, MI, North Muskegon Public Schools, North Muskegon MI

Violet Holden, Manistee, MI. Manistee High School, Manistee MI

Dakota Macias, Brighton, CO. Brighton High School, Brighton, CO



John Oskaboose, Scottville, MI. Mason County Eastern, Custer, MI

Joshua Parks, Freeport, MI. Thornapple Kellogg, Middleville, MI

Josephine Pete, Phelps, WI. Northern Pines, Eagle River, WI

Blake Pete, Waterloo, IL. Waterloo High School #5, Waterloo, IL

Chunky Rodriguez, Angleton, TX. Angleton High School ACE, Angleton, TX

Onalee Schultz, Saginaw, MI. Omni Education Center, Carrolton, MI

Olivia Stelter, Plymouth, WI. Glenbeulah High School, Elkhart Lake, WI

Kali Van Aelst, New Braunfels, TX. New Braunfels High School, New Braunfels, TX

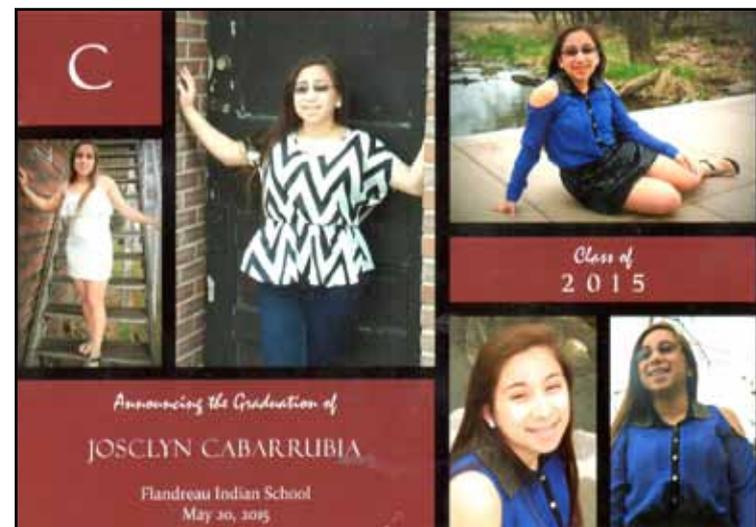
My son, Chase McKay Childrey, graduated from St. Johns High School last week.

What special times!  
Love, Nichole Childrey

Mariah Sherman  
2015 Midland High School Graduate,  
Midland, MI  
GPA 4.28- Top 10% of Class

**2014-2015** National Honor Society  
**2015** Saginaw Valley League Female Scholar Athlete Award Recipient from Midland High School  
**2014** Class A Volleyball All State Honorable Mention  
**2014** Class A Volleyball All State All Academic  
**2014** Saginaw Valley League Volleyball Most Valuable Player  
**2014** Multiple Area Volleyball Dream Teams  
**2015** Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy 18 Black Team Member  
**2014** Class A Track and Field 6th Place at State Finals in 4x400 Relay  
**2014** Class A Track and Field All State All Academic  
**2014** Midland High School 4x400 Relay Record Holder  
**2014** Midland High School Combine Champion and Record Holder  
10 Year Camper at Camp Newaygo, Newaygo, MI  
Attending Michigan Technological University in Fall 2015 as a member of the Husky Volleyball Team  
\*awarded both academic and athletic scholarships at MTU  
Parents: Marc and Julie Sherman  
Grandparents: Edward and Mary Sherman

Congrats Grad. Jon Eno received 1st team all-conference, All District Player (catcher), & Academic All District. He was chosen ( Student of the Year Industrial Technology ).



## You can be a Princess!

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Share goals, ambitions, education,  
family, your interest and hobbies  
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a descendant

You will travel to make personal  
appearances to represent  
the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,  
as a role model for our people and  
the other young ladies  
aspiring to become princesses.  
You will receive a Crown,  
Sash, Flowers,  
a photo shoot and many extras  
including being treated as royalty.  
The runners up will  
receive a sash, flowers

## Wellness Walk

Due to unforeseen circumstances,  
the Wellness Walk sponsored by  
Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health on  
July 4th has been cancelled.  
The Wellness Walk will be re-  
scheduled at a later date, please  
watch the Rapid River News for  
future announcements.

### Anishinaabemowin damnawin Match the words to Anishinaabemowin

Ninj	Sun
Ademin	I, me, myself
Animokazajinh	My father
Jiingtamok	Hand
Ogema	Coat
Niin	Heartberry
Aabta	Pow wow
Giizis	Dog
Biiskowaagan	Half
Noos	Leader

## Spot the differences



There are  
5  
differences



1. Line on the floor
2. Line on mans shoe
3. Basket Ball hoop
4. Boy in the back near black wall
5. Exit Sign

Put your powers of observation to the test as you compare two nearly identical pictures and try to spot the differences!

## Members Assistance Department Elder Assistance

### Elder Chore Assistance Program

This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to Elders age 55 or older who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance. Elder must be a permanent member of the household and has a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary or Permanent disability shall be verified by a qualified medical professional.

Services available:

- Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
- Weather stripping around doors and windows
- Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
- Gutter cleaning
- General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds
- Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Level of assistance is based on household resources and the Assistance Matrix. Assistance amount is no less than 50% of the amount available.

### LIHEAP Cooling Assistance - Available to Tribal Elders May 1<sup>st</sup> -Sept 30th

Cooling Assistance is available to elders residing in the 9 County Service Areas that are experiencing a medical condition that requires air conditioning during the hot summer temperatures. Medical need must be verified by proof from a medical professional. This program is income based on 60% of the state median income as follows:

Household Size	Monthly Income not to exceed:
1	\$1909.27
2	\$2496.77
3	\$3084.20
4	\$3671.67

If you are in need of assistance in accessing these services or have others needs please contact the Members Assistance Department

## Commodity Department

Food Distribution Program ( FDPIR ) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We

are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

USDA Income  
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards  
September 30, 2014 & October 1, 2015

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00 Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson 1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program Office 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715	<table border="0"> <tr> <th>Household Size</th> <th>Income Limits</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>\$ 1,128.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>\$ 1,466.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>\$ 1,805.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>\$ 2,153.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>\$ 2,519.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.</td> <td>\$ 2,886.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.</td> <td>\$ 3,224.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.</td> <td>\$ 3,562.00</td> </tr> </table> For each additional member add \$ 339.00	Household Size	Income Limits	1.	\$ 1,128.00	2.	\$ 1,466.00	3.	\$ 1,805.00	4.	\$ 2,153.00	5.	\$ 2,519.00	6.	\$ 2,886.00	7.	\$ 3,224.00	8.	\$ 3,562.00	Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.
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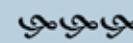
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Marvin Nadiger  
Linley Peterson  
Erland Riihimaki  
Martha Rohmoser  
Dorothy Rozell  
Linda Slater  
Leroy Smith  
Henry Theodore  
Roger Van Brocklin  
Charlotte Vega



## Aki Community Center Elder Meal Menu



2015



Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions  
Phone: 231-398-6886  
Kitchen Phone: 231-398-2813  
E-mail: [ncross@lrboi.com](mailto:ncross@lrboi.com)  
Volunteers are always needed to help with meals if interested please contact Noelle.

### JULY

Tip of the Month:  
Healthy choices go a long way! Reduce salt intake, drink more water, drink milk, forgo fried foods and increase fruits and vegetables. These choices can lead to improved health and mental wellness.

Meals served at 12 o'clock  

- No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.
- Guests Meals are \$6.00

 Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5	6 Spaghetti and meatballs! Veggie blend Garlic Bread  Language Class 1:30	7 BBQ Brisket Baked Potato Green Beans	1 Roasted Chicken Parsley Rice Beans & Peppers  Activity: Wii Bowling	2 Burgers Potatoes Mixed Veggies  Activity: Prize Bingo!	3 Office Closed for Holiday	 Elder Committee Meeting
12	13 Turkey Sandwich Macaroni Salad Tropical Fruit  Language Class 1:30	14 Taco Bar - Peach Cobbler	8 Smothered Chicken Mashed Potato Mixed Veggies  Activity: Wii Bowling	16 Grilled Burgers Sweet Tater Tots Baked Beans Corn	17 Muskegon Meal !! RSVP Noelle 231-398-6886	18
19	20 French Dip Potato Salad Peas  Language Class 1:30	21 Roasted Turkey Roasted Red Potato Green Beans	22 Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potato Corn  Activity: Wii Bowling	23 Chicken Salad Sandwich Broccoli Slaw Carrot Coin	24	25
26	27 Tomato Basil Soup Club Wrap  Language Class 1:30	28 Grilled Chicken Veggies Garlic Bread	29 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	30 Chef's Choice	31	
	Wednesdays' Wii Bowling! Birthday of the month 1st Thursday!		Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal. Salad bar served daily.		Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	

## 2015 Koon Family Reunion

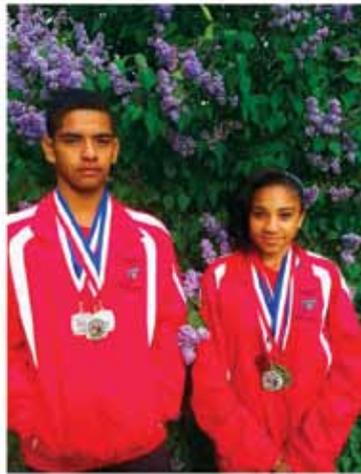
Saturday  
July 25, 2015  
12 Noon



Tribal Community Center  
"Aki Maadiwziwin" 2953 Shaw Be  
Quo-Ung Manistee, Michigan 49660

Please bring a dish to pass  
and an auction item

Meat, Beverages,  
and table service provided



Peaches and O'Rian Torres had a great year in track, bringing home a total of 12 medals. Peaches even broke the school record. We're so proud of you two. Congratulations and keep up the great work! From every one of the Torres and Davis family.



Congratulations to Greg Walters and Jonathon Robertson on completing their certification in the S-4 and D-4 water certification exams. Jonathon has been with the Utility Department for 2 years and Greg has been with them for one year.

My Darlings Hannah  
and Mathew Sandel

Before you were conceived,  
I Wanted You  
Before you were Born  
I Loved You  
Forever and Ever  
You are the miracle  
God Gifted

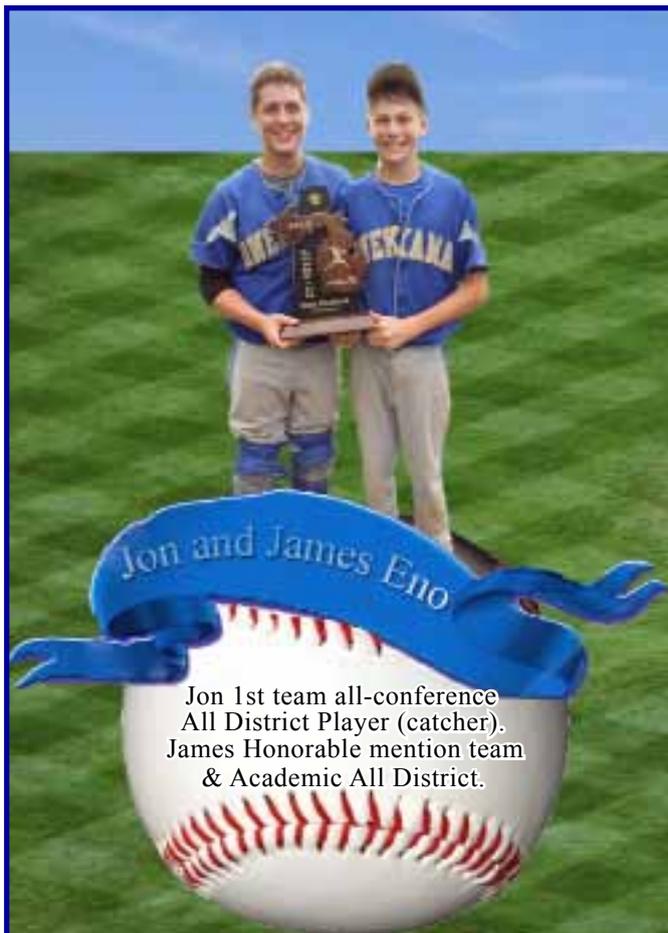
Love, Mommy Eagle



*Never...*  
try to dominate the one who  
says sorry to you for their mistake

*Because, they understand, you  
are more important than their...*

*Ego*



Jon 1st team all-conference  
All District Player (catcher).  
James Honorable mention team  
& Academic All District.

## Commerce Corner

The Commerce Commission and Commerce Department often receive information about investment opportunities throughout the state of Michigan. We review these to determine if they would be in the best interest of the Tribe. When we find that it is not of current interest to the Tribe, we notify the business owners and that's where it stops.

We have created the "Commerce Corner" in order to be able to present these opportunities to our Tribal citizens, who may be looking for a chance to become an entrepreneur.

Please do not contact the Tribe, it's departments or the commission in regard to these, contact the seller at their numbers provided. See below for opportunities.

Evelyn and Mick Miller are interested in selling the Easy Wash, laundry mat. They are looking for less than 50K, will train. They may be reached at 510-9800 & 464-5710

## Coming up at LRBOI:

Housing  
Commission  
Public Info Meeting  
June 27

Commerce  
Commission  
Meeting July 2  
5pm-6pm

Jiingtamok  
July 4& 5

July 11, 2015  
Elder Committee  
Meeting  
12 noon

August 8, 2015  
Elder Committee  
Meeting  
12 Noon

Elders Meal  
Aki  
Commu-  
nity Center  
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class  
Every Friday  
10:30am

2016 Membership  
Meetings  
April 9, 2016 &  
October 8, 2016

2017 Membership  
Meetings  
April 8, 2017 &  
October 9, 2017

Call Little River  
Resort Hotel in

US Toll-Free:  
1-888-568-2244  
or  
Local 231-723-1535



Departments	Location numbers	Director or main phone
<b>Accounting</b>	<b>government center -main entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6868</b>
<u>Be-Da-Bin</u>	<u>government center- clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6741</u>
<b>Commerce</b>	<b>government center -main entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6815</b>
<u>Commodities</u>	<u>aki maadiziwin -community center</u>	<u>231.398. 6715</u>
<b>Education</b>	<b>government center- clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6735</b>
<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>government center-main entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6712</u>
<b>Fitness Center</b>	<b>government center-lower level</b>	<b>231.398.6636</b>
<u>Family Services</u>	<u>government center- clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6734</u>
<b>Gaming Commission</b>	<b>Old Casino Building</b>	<b>231.723.7755</b>
<u>Grants Department</u>	<u>government center- main entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6843\</u>
<b>Health Clinic</b>	<b>government center -north end</b>	<b>231.398.6600</b>
<u>Historic Preservation</u>	<u>government center-lower level</u>	<u>231.398.6893</u>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>aki maadiziwin -gommunity center</b>	<b>231.398.6879</b>
<u>Human Resources</u>	<u>government center- main entrance</u>	<u>231.723.1594</u>
<b>Members Legal Asst.</b>	<b>justice center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2234</b>
<u>Members Assistance</u>	<u>government center-main entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6718</u>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>9th street offices manistee</b>	<b>231.723.1594</b>
<u>Peacemaking/Probation</u>	<u>justice center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2239</u>
<b>Planning Department</b>	<b>government center -main entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6810</b>
<u>Prosecutor</u>	<u>justice center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2242</u>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>government center- main entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6872</b>
<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>justice center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2225</u>
<b>Tax Office</b>	<b>government center -main entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6874</b>
<u>Utilities/Waste Water dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)</u>		<u>231.398.2285</u>
<b>Work Force Development</b>	<b>government center-main entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6842</b>

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

# 20th Annual Jiingtamok

**July 4 & 5, 2015**

**Host Drum:**

*Dusty Bear*

**Co-Host Drum:**

*Urban Nation*

**Invited Drums:**

*Spirit Lodge*

*Red Cedar*

*War Party*

*Swirling Wind*

*Sons of the*

*Three Fires*

*Southern*

*Straight*

*Rizing Bear*

**Show-Up Drums**

*First 5 Onsite &  
Registered*

### Tribal Gathering Grounds

(Corner of US-31 & M-22 across the street from the Little River Casino Resort and behind the Trading Post gas station)

Manistee, MI

### Grand Entries:

Saturday: 12pm & 7pm

Sunday: 12 pm

Free Parking & No Admission Fee

Native American Food Available

Native American Arts & Crafts Vendors

Bleacher seating available, but feel free to bring your own chairs. **NO** alcohol, drugs, weapons, and pets except service animals.

### Drum & Dancing Competitions

### Throughout the Weekend

All Dance Categories Male & Female

55+ years 1st : \$300 2nd: \$200

18-54 years 1st: \$300 2nd: \$200

12-17 years 1st: \$150 2nd: \$75

6-11 years 1st: \$75 2nd: \$50

Drums 1st: \$2,500 2nd: \$1,500

**Head Veteran:**

*George Martin*

**Head Dancers:**

*Paul Syrette*

*Renee Diehlman*

*Frank & Leslie*

*Lewis*

**Emcee:**

*Philip Memberto*

**Arena Director:**

*Andre*

*Neebnagezhick*

**Dance Judges:**

*Dave & Punkin*

*Shananaquet*

**Public**

**Welcome!**

**Drum Information:** Call Philip Memberto at (315) 925-9545

**Other Information:** Call 1-888-723-8288